NOTICE OF SKAMANIA COUNTY'S PROPOSED 2022 TITLE III PROJECTS SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SELF DETERMINATION ACT OF 2000 (PUBLIC LAW 106-393)

Skamania County solicited Title III projects from the public and various agencies for 2022-2023. The projects listed below will be considered for funding by the Board of Commissioners. A public hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 19, 2022, in the Skamania County Courthouse, Commissioners Meeting Room 18, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue, Stevenson, WA to receive public comments regarding proposed Title III Projects for 2022-2023.

Written testimony/comments to be considered at the public hearing by the Board of Commissioners must be received by the Clerk of the Board by noon on the Monday preceding the date of the public hearing. Anyone interested may appear and be heard. Skamania County Courthouse is accessible for persons with disabilities. Please let us know if you will need any special accommodations to attend the meeting by calling (509) 427-3700.

Copies of the proposed 2022-2023 Title III Applications are available to the public in the Commissioners' Office, Room 15, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue, Stevenson, WA or may be viewed on our website at www.skamaniacounty.org

Skamania County Sheriff's Emergency Services sponsored by Skamania County Sheriff's Department.

Continue to enhance and improve necessary and appropriate emergency response capabilities of the Skamania County Sheriff to include search and rescue in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest and Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. Proposes to maintain a Road Deputy wages and overtime, including maintenance and replacement of supporting equipment and services utilized to provide response to emergencies, including Search and Rescue missions on National Forest lands in Skamania County. The primary responsibilities of personnel will be response to emergency services and coordination of search and rescue incidents. Primary responsibility is the Gifford Pinchot National Forest and Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area within the boundaries of Skamania County. All SAR Coordinator Deputies will maintain appropriate training in Search and Rescue Coordination, emergency medical treatment, and training in the national recognized ICS and NIMS. This will all officers to be utilized in a command level position at the scene of incidents related to Search and Rescue, wildfires, and other emergencies.

North Country EMS St. Helen's Project sponsored by North Country EMS.

Continue to provide ambulance and rescue services staffed with trained emergency medical service personnel to areas of Skamania County as depicted in the provided service area map, with special emphasis on certain Mt. St. Helens recreational areas during the months of, July and August and early September and response from other stations as needed and available.

Skamania County Firewise Defensible Space, sponsored by Underwood Conservation District.

Continue an ongoing program supporting residents and small Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) communities in reducing their risk from wildfire. UCD assist people in strengthening their "defensible space" to preserve life and property in event of a wildland fire.

EMS and Rescue Response sponsored by Skamania County Public Hospital District dba Skamania County Emergency Medical Services.

Requesting renewed funding of this project so that the provision of services and reimbursement of associated costs may continue uninterrupted. This project provides emergency medical services, rescue, and ambulance transport services to areas of the County owned by the federal government, including fire suppression services for structural and wild land firefighting in addition to trail rescue, rope rescue, motor vehicle collisions, hazardous materials, and public assistance calls. Requesting funds for training costs related to services provided under this contract, equipment purchases, and call reimbursements directly related to the services provided under this contract.

Skamania County Fire District #1

Requesting funds to address calls for service in federally lands in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest and Columbia River Gorge National Scenic area, surrounding Fire District #1. Dispatching local resources is key in providing quality immediate response to emergencies to county residents and visitors. In addition to providing fire suppression services for structural and wild land firefighting, Fire District #1 response to many types of calls, including motor vehicle collisions, hazardous materials, public assistance calls, and manpower assistance to rescue calls.

Dated this 17th day of May 2022.

Debbie Slack Clerk of the Board

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